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	First Inventor or Application Identifier	Reijo K. Salminen
	Title	CONTINUOUS DIGESTER
	Express Mail Label No.	EV078101378US

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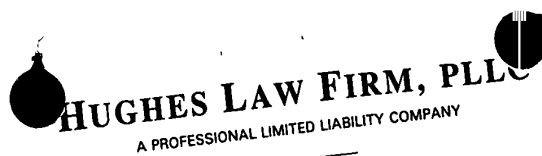
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 09/882,789 filed 06/14/01; which is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 09/141,466 filed 08/27/1998; which is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 08/939,595 filed 9/29/1997; which is a Continuation Patent Application of U.S.S.N. 08/672,458 filed 06/28/1996 (now U.S. Patent Number 5,680,995); which is based on and claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/004,474 filed 09/28/1995; which is based on and claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/000,830 filed 06/29/1995.

Applicant(s): Mr. Reijo K. Salminen
Title: CONTINUOUS DIGESTER

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- 1-page Fee Transmittal;
- 4-page copy of Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from Parent Application;
- 1-page Preliminary Amendment;
- Copy of Specification, claims and abstract (103 pages total: 88 pages of specification, 14 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract) from Parent Application;
- Copy of 44 sheets of drawings from Parent Application;
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139 130 139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520 147 2,520		For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920* 112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840* 113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110 215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
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120 300 220 150		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 260 221 130		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510 138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110 240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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